

XXXVII. Any vote may be reconsidered upon a resolution to that effect proceeding from the side of the majority, but not at the same Sederunt at which it was passed, unless with the unanimous consent of the members present. A resolution passed during the last Sederunt may be reconsidered, on the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES.

XXXVIII. Any of the Rules of Order may be suspended on an occasion of urgency, by the consent of two-thirds of the members present, without discussion.

XXXIX. A motion or overture that materially affects the doctrine, government, discipline, or order of the Church, shall, if entertained by the Synod, be remitted to Presbyteries and Sessions, for their consideration and deliverance, before it can be adopted by the Synod.

XL. No business shall be transacted at a *pro re nata* meeting of Synod, but that for which it has been specially convened by the Moderator.

XLI. Nine members shall constitute a quorum for transacting business, provided that there are in said quorum a member or members from three different Presbyteries.

XLII. The meetings of Synod are open to the public; but when circumstances require it the Synod may sit privately.

XLIII. Any member absent from a meeting of Synod without satisfactory cause, or any member leaving any Session of the Synod without its consent, shall be liable to censure.

XLIV. A minute of Synod may be expunged with the unanimous consent of the members present.

XLV. As soon as possible after each Annual Meeting of Synod, the minutes of its proceedings shall be printed, and copies thereof transmitted by the Clerk to each Minister and Session.

XLVI. The meeting of Synod shall be closed with praise; and after announcing the time and place of next meeting, the Moderator shall pronounce the Apostolic benediction.

No. II.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Read at the Meeting of the United Presbyterian Synod, June, 1853.

In presenting their Report for the past year, your Committee would express their grateful acknowledgments to that Being by whom the have been preserved in life, and would state that the greatest harmony has prevailed in all their meetings, and that the members have shown, by their attendance, the interest they took in the faithful and efficient performance of the services to which they were appointed.

Nothing of special importance has occurred at any of our meetings which have been held; there has been little, if any, departure from the routine of former years; no new suggestion has been offered as to the mode in which the Mission business of the Church should be transacted; and, with one exception, no report, nor information, has been presented